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FOR MAY 23-25

SUMMARY: FINAL CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETINGS BEGAN MAY 23,
CONFERENCE REMAINS ON SCHEDULE, AND HAS ADOPTED FORTY-
TWO ARTICLES AS OF MAY 25. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETINGS BEGAN ON MAY 23
WITH PLAN TO ADOPT ALL ARTICLES OF DRAFT PROTOCOL I
EXCEPT PREAMBLE BY JUNE 1 AND ALL ARTICLES OF DRAFT
PROTOCOL II EXCEPT PREAMBLE BY JUNE 7. PREAMBLES ARE
TO BE ADOPTED JUNE 8, AND VOTE ON PROTOCOLS AS A WHOLE WILL
OCCUR ON JUNE 9 OR 10.

2. AS OF CLOSE OF MAY 25 MEETINGS, ARTICLES 1 THRU
41 (TOTAL OF 44 ARTICLES) HAVE BEEN ADOPTED. MOST
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ARTICLES INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING MISSING PERSONS
AND MEDICAL AIRCRAFT WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.
ARTICLE ONE (GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND SCOPE OF APPLI-
CATION) WAS OVERWHELMINGLY ADOPTED 87 FOR, ONE
AGAINST (ISRAEL), AND 11 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING US,
CAN, FRG, FRANCE, UK, JAPAN). ARTICLE 39 (OCCUPANTS OF
AIRCRAFT) WAS ALSO ADOPTED BY LARGE MAJORITY OF 71

FOR (US), 12 AGAINST, AND 11 ABSTENTIONS IN TEXT
DESCRIBED IN GENEVA 3740. SYRIAN EFFORT TO REINSERT
UNDESIRABLE LANGUAGE REGARDING LOSS OF PROTECTION FOR
PERSONS DESCENDING TOWARD FRIENDLY TERRITORY WAS
SOUNDLY REJECTED BY VOTE OF 47 AGAINST (US), 23 FOR,
AND 26 ABSTENTIONS. PHILIPPINE AMENDMENT CALLING FOR
LOSS OF PROTECTION IF HOSTILE ACT IS COMMITTED DURING
DESCENT WAS ALSO REJECTED.

3. ALTHOUGH ELECTRONIC VOTING BOARD SHOWS 139 COUNTRIES,
APPROX 90 COUNTRIES HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED
THUS FAR.

4. STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ARTICLE 86 BIS IS
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